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August 21, 1981

Department of Natural Resources
Bureau of Water Management
8th Floor Stevens T. Mason Building
Lansing, Michigan 48296

Gentlemen:

Attached is the completed report form covering a spill which occurred August 21, 1981 at our Wyandotte, Michigan facility.

Very truly yours,

PENNWALT CORPORATION

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'John J. Lewis'.

John J. Lewis, Supervisor
Environmental Affairs

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Attachment

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REPORT OIL, SALT OR POLLUTING MATERIAL LOSSES

Pursuant to the provisions of Act 245 of the Public Acts of Michigan 1929 as amended, regulations have been which require that all owners, managers or operators of vessels, oil storage or on land facilities shall notify the Resources Commission or his authorized representative of oil, salt and polluting material losses. This notification shall be made promptly by telephone or telegraph, giving briefly the particulars, and by mail, giving a detailed account of the loss and conditions.

Date August 21, 1981		Company Name PENNWALT CORPORATION	
Location of Loss (Be Specific) West Plant - north of Process 46 (Dwg. WW3-7819, coordinate 8,H)			
Material Lost Methane Sulfonic Acid	Amount 50 gallons (est.)	Name of surface water involved Monguagon Creek (006)	
Date Loss was Discovered August 21, 1981		Time of Discovery 10:30 A.M.	
Name of Department of Natural Resources Representative Contacted Operator No. 2 - (517) 373-7660			
Telephoned or Telegraphed by Whom J. J. Lewis			Time 8/21/81; 3:00 P.M.
Cause of Loss (Include Type of Equipment and Other Details) Seal on pump east of tank 4642 failed.			
Nature of Loss (Include Complete Description of Damage) 50 gallons (est.) of MSA flowed to the ground and to the yard drain 20 feet to the north. This drain leads to the East Trunk of the process sewer and to treatment facilities. The pH remained in compliance.			
Additional Comments (Include Method of Control, Plans for Prevention of Recurrence, etc.) Pump was shut down and will not be used until the seal has been repaired. Soda ash was applied to the area of the spill. When neutralization is complete, it will be picked up and drummed. The pump will be observed more frequently when it is operating.			
Company Name PENNWALT CORPORATION		By (Signature) J. J. Lewis	

Return this form to:

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24 hr. Emergency Notification Number
517 — 373-7660